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SUBJECT: NAMBIA; OVAMBO OPPOSITION LEADERS CONVICTED

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1. IN MAY, JOHANNES NANGUTUUALA ,LEADER OF DEMOCRATIC COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PARTY,WHICH OPPOSES OWAMBO GOVERNMENT,AND SWAPO LEADERS JOHN OTTO, JIMMY AMPALA AND ANDREAS NUUKWAWO WERE ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF HOLDING ILLEGAL POLITICAL MEETING. IN AUGUST,SWA SUPREME COURT RULED IN FAVOUR OF APPEAL BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY BRIAN O'LINN AND COURT ORDERED MAGISTRATE AT ONDANGUA TO QUASH CHARGES (REF A). SUBSEQUENTLY NEW CHARGES WERE DRAWN UP AGAINST THE FOUR OVAMBOS.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 18, MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOUND NANGUTUUALA NOT GUILTY ON CHARGE OF HAVING MADE STATEMENT INTENDED OR LIKELY TO
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UNDERMINE OR INTERFERE WITH AUTHORITY OF STATE,OR OWAMBO

GOVERNMENT OR TRADITIONAL LEADERS". THIS CHARGE HAD NOT BEEN MADE AGAINST THE OTHER THREE. HOWEVER, TWO DAYS LATER TWO OF THEM AND NANGUTUUALA WERE CONVICTED OF HAVING HELD ILLEGAL MEETING IN OWAMBO. NANGUTUUALA SENTENCED TO FINE OF R400 (US\$600). ONE OF OTHER THREE WAS ACQUITTED. THE OTHER TWO CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO LESSER FINES. ATTORNEY O'LINN WILL APPEAL TO SWA SUPREME COURT.
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